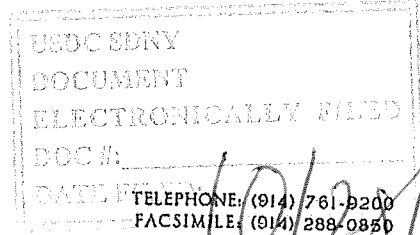


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Honorable Vincent L. Briccetti
United States District Court
300 Quarropas St.
White Plains, New York 10601 (Email and ECF)

Re: US v John Crews 13 Cr 835 (VB)

Dear Judge Briccetti:

This case is scheduled for sentence on October 29, 2020. The defendant is currently serving a sentence at FCI Pollock in Louisiana. He has specifically requested that the sentence hearing be held by video conference and specifically consented to being sentenced by video conference

The CARES Act allows for video conferencing of sentence proceedings and Chief Judge McMahon issued a standing order permitting sentences to be conducted by video conferencing as a result of the ongoing pandemic.

Requiring Mr. Crews to be present at sentence would cause a hardship to him and risk his health and safety as he would have to be transported from Louisiana to New York where he would be in contact with numerous additional individuals, any one of whom could potentially transmit Covid 19 to him. Additionally, it would disrupt his rehabilitation at Pollock for the period of time, usually weeks, possibly months, that it would take for him to be returned from New York. Additionally, he would have to be in quarantine for, at least 14 days upon his return to Pollock, and I believe for his stay in a detention facility in New York. Further, the transportation would present a potential risk of infection to the Marshalls who would be tasked with escorting him and correction officers who house him from Louisiana to New York at every stop along the way.

Further, requiring Mr. Crews to be present at the sentence hearing would cause an unreasonable delay in the proceeding as the incidence of infection is spiking around the country and there is no foreseeable date at this point where we can reasonably predict that the current conditions will change.

The government has no objection to proceeding in this fashion.

October 28, 2020

The sentencing will proceed
by videoconference ~~for~~ for
the reasons set forth
herein.

Scheduled: WJB, USIT

10/28/20

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew A. Rubin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

Andrew A. Rubin

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